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SUBJECT: NEW SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL

1. WIFE OF SPANISH DCM UTRAY ADVISED DCM'S WIFE
JANUARY 25 THAT PRESENT SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL,
CONDE DE NAVASQUES, WILL RETIRE SHORTLY ON REACHING
MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE OF 70. MRS. UTRAY SAYS
RUMOR IN SPANISH EMBASSY LISBON IS THAT NEW SPANISH
AMBASSADOR HERE WILL BE EX-FOREIGN MINISTER LOPEZ RODO.

2. COMMENT: IF RUMOR TRUE, PORTUGUESE WILL UN-
DOUBTEDLY BE OVERJOYED NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF RODO'S
STATURE BUT ALSO BECAUSE THEY CONSIDER HIM CLOSE
FRIEND OF PORTUGAL. INDEED, ONLY COMMENT WE HAVE
HAD FROM THE PORTUGUESE OFFICIALDOM ON NEW SPANISH
GOVERNMENT COMES FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY
GENERAL CALVET DE MAGALHAES WHO DEPLORED DEPARTURE
OF RODO. GIVEN RODO'S CLOSENESS TO PORTUGAL AND
ESPECIALLY TO PRIME MINISTER CAETANO, CALVET SAID
MANY PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED INFORMALLY THROUGH
PERSONAL CONTACT WITH RODO, A MECHANISM WHICH WILL
NOW BE UNAVAILABLE.

3. HAS EMBASSY MADRID HEARD SIMILAR RUMOR?
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